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RESPONSE "C" TO DECEMBER 20, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Please revise the Attorney Docket No. from "Sony-P9799" to --09792909-4938--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20 with the following
paragraph:

When the generation of headers of the different levels is ended, macroblock encoding is
carried out (step S185), macroblock variable length coding is carried out (step S186), and
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